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## CALENDAR OF ILLINOIS HISTORY.

May 8, 1832—Black Hawk War. Illinois troops arrived in Rock Island in good health. Indians had left the vicinity of Rock Island and had gone some distance up Rock River. It was supposed that the troops would follow them, complete the object of the expedition, and return home within a month from this date, May 8, 1832.

## KILLING THE DOGS.

New York is going to be a mighty unhealthy place for dogs, if a bill in the legislature goes thru. It imposes a yearly tax of \$2.50 on male dogs and \$3.50 on females, thereby automatically abolishing whatever dogs are not worth that much to their owners. It aims to make a clean sweep of the unlicensed dogs by providing that any dog not bearing proper credentials on its person in the form of a license tag may be seized or killed on sight.

And license or no license, any canine individual guilty of any unchristian act against human life or property will find short shrift. It is made compulsory for magistrates, on being notified that a dog has attacked domestic animals or fowls, to issue an order commanding the owner of the culprit to kill it within 48 hours under penalty of \$50 fine. Such aquiescence doesn't free the owner, either, from responsibility for damages.

In further protection of sheep, chickens, etc. It provides that "any person may kill a dog while it is attacking, chasing or worrying domestic animals or fowls, or while the dog is being pursued thereafter." This would surely settle the case of any sheep-killer or chicken-worrier. Once caught in an overt act, he would find every man's hand against him.

It's drastic. Sentimentalists will find it inhuman. But it's justified. Dogs in general, with all their virtues, are consumers and destroyers, rather than producers. With food scare and world-famine threatened, this is no time to feed useless creatures, especially if to their parasitism they add the destruction of food products. A hen just now is more valuable than a dog.

## THE UNDEVELOPED EAST.

We are accustomed to the idea that there is a good deal of land in the West still unoccupied. Secretary Lane announced recently that there remained 240,000,000 acres of public land unallotted. That is an impressive area. It must be remembered, however, that most of it is unfit for farming. A large part isn't even worth much for grazing. And while it's extremely desirable that all the available land in the West be taken up and used as soon as possible, it isn't well to let such figures obscure the fact that there are enormous areas in the older sections of the country that ought to be utilized.

The New York state department of agriculture says that of the 23,000,000 acres of farm land in the state, only 8,250,000 are cultivated. New York may be a greater sinner in this respect than its neighbors, but it's likely that they are just as negligent. The "abandoned farms" of the East have become a byword. And countless farms that are not abandoned in a literal sense are only tilled to one-half or one-fourth of their capacity. The Middle West and South also have much to answer for in their failure to utilize their agricultural resources.

All in all, the West alone is doing its agricultural duty faithfully. The western farmer nobly farms his land. What we need is migration of plowmen from the West to take up the unoccupied lands of the East.

## Even Steven.

"Do you ever forget to mail the letter your wife gives you?"

"Not any oftener than she forgets to take the studs out of my dress side before sending it to the laundry," Washington Star.

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## EVERGREENS FOR THE LAWN.

No trees or shrubs are more satisfactory for the lawn than are the members of the evergreen family. Chief among them in beauty and hardness stands the Colorado Blue Spruce. It will grow to almost any size with proper care, and its beautiful, changeable colors of greenish blue make it a sort of connecting link in the natural color scheme between the green of the lawn and the blue of the sky. Arbor Vitae is another very popular evergreen for hedges and lawn planting, and in the large trees reaches greater height or makes a more satisfactory appearance than the Douglas or Norway Spruce and the Scotch Pine.

Evergreens are much harder to handle and put started than are the deciduous trees and shrubs, because they never are in a dormant state. Plants in general are easier to transplant in the dormant state because they then enter very little shock or setback through being dug up and put in a new location. The evergreens remain more or less green and in a green condition throughout the year, and they must be handled with very much more care than other plants if you are to have success in transplanting them.

The sap of the evergreen is also radically different from that of other plants. A deciduous shrub which has become badly dried out can be restored by burying its roots and branches in the moist earth for a few days.

In the case of an evergreen we do similar things—the shrubs are cut in this condition no amount of water will restore it to a fast growth. It is very hard indeed to tell when a transplanted evergreen has been dried out in this manner as the leaves will look bright and green for several months after this has happened and the first intimation you will have that something is wrong will be the drop off of the leaves, which may occur long after you have planted the tree.

In putting out evergreens it is a good plan to secure them as near at home as possible, so as to avoid any possibility of having them dried out in shipment. If this cannot be done, insist upon having the nurseryman take extraordinary precautions to keep them in a live condition, and plant them as soon as they are received. They should be transplanted very early in the spring or during the rainy season of the fall, to avoid any possibility of drought occurring before the roots become established in the new soil. Dig your holes before the trees arrive and have them deep enough to set the tree a little lower than it was set in the nursery soil. Make it wide enough so that the roots can spread well, and see that they are spread to divide the ground evenly. Have the soil moist and pack it down well over the roots, heaping it up a little to take care of settling.

As a rule evergreens are not pruned or trimmed back as much as other kinds of shrubs or trees, because they are purchased so young that the entire root system comes with the tree, and there is no necessity of trimming the top. Do not make the mistake of buying too large evergreens.

A tree that is four feet high has not over half as much chance to live and thrive as a tree that is only two feet high when transplanted, and by the end of five years you won't know the difference. The smaller trees are cheaper and much easier to handle and should be chosen in every case if possible.

**Madagascar's Two Climates.**

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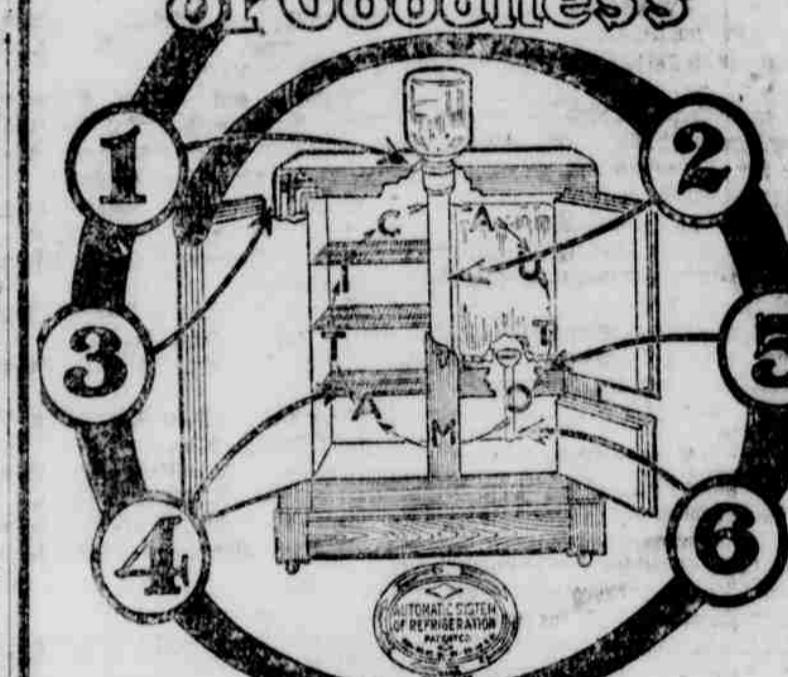
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